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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.115

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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2003, hereinafter Paper No. 8, regarding pending claims 1-14. Applicants also file concurrently herewith a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to extend the time for response for three (3) months, or until May 20, 2004.